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Golden Years

Rochester's Oldest Citizen Receives Cane

By Kenneth J. Souza

Ninety-eight-year-old Chester "Chet" Rollins of Rochester seemed a bit overwhelmed by all the attention. As town dignitaries, members of the town's Council on Aging, and a gathering of local media crammed into the confines of his Pierce Street living room, he politely smiled for the cameras and obliged frequent requests to don the festive top hat he claimed was older than him.

"This hat is over 100 years old," Mr. Rollins said. "I was cleaning out another house and I found it under the eaves. It's going into a museum."

***Above**: Ninety-eight-year-old Chester "Chet" Rollins (left) of Rochester accepts the* Boston Post Cane *from Selectmen Chairman Richard Nunes (right) during a ceremony held at Mr. Rollins' Pierce Street home on Friday, December 19, while Mr. Rollins' wife, Marjorie, looks on. As the town's oldest citizen, Mr. Rollins will remain the keeper of the traditional cane. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

***On the cover:** Fifth grade student Samantha Babineau of Rochester's Memorial School tells Santa what she'd like for Christmas in person during his recent visit to the Rochester Post Office on Saturday, December 20. Santa also stopped by the Mattapoisett Post Office that same morning to check up on the tri-towns' operations and to collect some last-minute wish lists and letters before heading back to the North Pole for his big night. (Photo by Robert Chiarito).*

The Wanderer Holiday Hours

The Wanderer office will be closed from December 29 to January 4 so that our staff can enjoy the holidays. There will be no January 1, 2009 edition. The first issue in January will be January 8, 2009. Deadline for Display Advertising in the January 8 issue is Friday, December 26 at 3pm. Classified advertising deadline for the January 8 issue is January 6 at 10am.

We hope everyone has a Happy New Year!

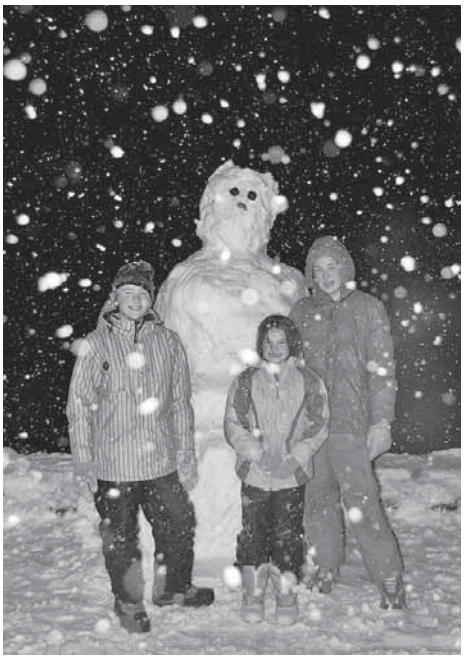
"Mr. Rollins is going to become the next recipient of the traditional *Boston Post* cane," announced COA Director Sharon Lally. "The *Boston Post* cane is given to the oldest resident in the town and the resident holds onto the cane and passes it on to the next person when necessary."

"*The Boston Post* newspaper a long time ago had given each town a cane to be given to the oldest resident in the town," added Selectmen Chairman Richard Nunes. "Lucky you, you're the oldest resident in Rochester. On behalf of the Town of Rochester we'd like to present you with this *Boston Post* cane and hopefully you'll hold onto it for a long, long time."

"I don't know about that," Mr. Rollins said, accepting the honor. "But I thank you all very much."

As Mr. Nunes proposed a toast to Mr. Rollins'

***Right**: (from left) Alex, Margo and Josephine Cannell of Mattapoisett pose with the giant snowman they made on the Town Wharf during the first significant snowstorm of the season on Friday, December 19. The heavy, wet snow made for ideal packing and was perfect to fashion into a snowman. (Photo courtesy of Joanella Cannell).*



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good health, the guest of honor enjoyed his drink of choice: a champagne flute filled with V8 juice.

"I've been here since 1924," Mr. Rollins said. "I worked most everywhere. Mostly for E.L. Bartholomew's cranberry bog. I worked there for 37 years. I built this house in 1939."

Seated next to his wife Marjorie, Mr. Rollins told Selectman Dan McGaffey and Selectman Brad Morse about how he doesn't follow the news as much as he used to due to his failing eyesight and hearing, but he still knows what's going on. He admitted he wasn't thrilled about the recent election of Barack Obama as president.

"I don't like it, but I want to get Bush out of there," Mr. Rollins said.

Mr. Rollins recalled earlier times in Rochester when farming was a way of life.

"I worked in the cranberry bogs from 7:00 to 10:00, then I'd do all the chores down below, milk the cows and everything," he said, noting he also worked for the Pierce Farm. "I'd be up here working until 4:00 in the morning sometimes."

"Chet ran the first chainsaw in the area with my father, cutting logs on Bartholomew's bogs," Selectman Morse said. "It was a two-man chainsaw and he ran it with my father."

"Then I bought a John Deere tractor from Boston — the first one they ever sold," Mr. Rollins said. "I kept it for 40 years."

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Mr. Rollins also kept honey bees at one time and had about 250 hives that he used to rent out to the local cranberry bogs for $2 each. These were used to make cranberry honey. "Now they're getting $60 a hive," he said.

Both Chet and Marjorie Rollins seemed amazed at how much time had gone by and how their hometown has changed over the years.

"It's built up quite a bit now," Mr. Rollins said. "I get lost in the town now."

"We're very, very happy for both of you," Selectman Nunes told both Chet and Marjorie. "And we wish you both long, happy and healthy lives."

"Thank you all very much," Mr. Rollins said. "I never expected this."

Storm Status

Tri-Towns Survive Winter Storms Unscathed

By Kenneth J. Souza

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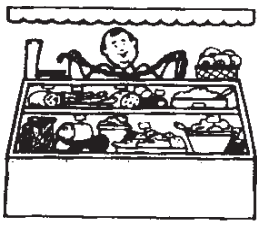

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and Rochester managed to survive the one-two punch of double snowstorms last weekend without any serious incidents.

While some area communities seemed to take a harder hit and the initial Friday night snowstorm claimed the life of an Acushnet man while attempting to cut up a fallen tree, there were no serious accidents or damages reported in the tri-towns over the weekend.

Mattapoisett Highway Surveyor Barry Denham said he had his work cut out for him to plow some 80 miles of town roads with his five-man full-time crew over the weekend.

"It was just a continual problem with too much snow and not enough people," Mr. Denham said. "We had a significant amount of trees down and we were trying to assist the Tree Warden with them. Most are still down, we just moved them off the road and now they're frozen in place until Mother Nature takes her course."

Mr. Denham said they had help from several part-time snow plow drivers over the weekend, but his full-time staff still racked up about 32 hours in overtime during the two storms.

"We had some good support from part-time guys, but they didn't know the town as well as the full-time staff does, so some of the streets we'll have to redo," Mr. Denham said. "Five guys can only go so far. The only thing that bothers me now is trying to keep the storm drains clear once all this stuff melts."

"We had a couple of little fender-benders, but nothing major," said Rochester Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge. "We had all the roads cleared Monday morning. There was a little bit of ice here and there, but overall the roads were clear."

While the heavy snow which accumulated quickly Friday night was responsible for many bent limbs and downed trees in other areas, Rochester's many trees seemed to be spared from a similar fate. "There were a few limbs down," Mr. Eldridge said. "I was concerned we'd have more after it froze (Sunday night), but the rain seemed to wash a lot of the snow off the trees."

Likewise, Marion Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Rob Zora said his department didn't

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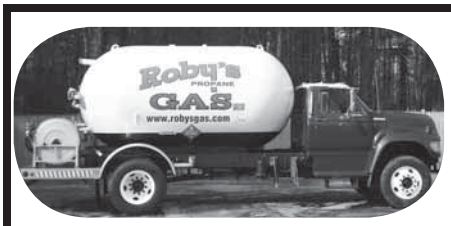

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encounter any major problems during the back-to-back weekend snowstorms and they had the benefit of knowing the storms were coming and being well-prepared this time out.

"There really weren't any problems during the weekend," Mr. Zora said. "We did get one cracked windshield, but no other damage and nobody got hurt."

Mr. Zora said the Marion DPW was able to keep the town roads clear despite the excessive snowfall and freezing conditions and the only minor setback, as it was in Mattapoisett and Rochester, was picking up fallen branches and tree limbs that were brought down by the heavy snow.

"We had a lot of limbs down, but nothing that created much of a problem for us ... that's to be expected," Mr. Zora said. "We got away pretty lucky with this one."

A True Story

Visit from a Christmas Angel

By Robert Chiarito

This is a Christmas story. It is, as they say, based on a true story and unlike many stories that make that claim, every word of this story is the truth.

The past week has been rough at our home. Our little girl has had one of the more tenacious strains of the flu bug that is passing its way through the local school population. She is a preschooler and she is not always able to verbalize what is wrong, so there have been a lot of tears and many lost hours of sleep as she has been waking her mom and I at all hours of the night either because she has just been sick vomiting ... or was worried that she was about to be sick ... or because she just needed her momma or papa to hold her because she was tired and scared. The flu can be a tricky pest to deal with as a fever comes and goes and then returns just as you are about to exhale a sigh of relief. Those of you with children know this drill all too well. Nothing is

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My wife and I traded calling out or going in late to work to accommodate one another's schedules and neither one of us slept all that well in the days that led up to Friday afternoon's snowstorm. Friday was my wife's turn to stay home and after taking our daughter to the pedia-

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trician, she decided to go to the grocery store to get everything that we, and more importantly, our little girl needed in case we were snowbound for a day or so. She took the list of remedies and necessary items that the pediatrician had given her and began to step out the door with our girl on her shoulder when the little one got sick all over everything — including her mom. Already stressed from worry and lack of sleep, my wife calmed her sick kid and changed the little girl's soiled Tinkerbell jammies, wiped herself off and turned once more to beat the oncoming weather.

The storm was due at about 1:00 pm and it was a few hours before then. The grocery store was pretty well packed as the memory of last December's storm and all of the problems that it wrought were at the forefront of everyone's thoughts. It seemed that no one wanted to be caught off guard this time around.

I was at work trying to get ahead while also catching up on the few hours that I had missed over the previous few days when the phone rang and my boss shouted down the hall from her office that the call was for me. It was my wife. I was expecting to hear another update about a soaring temperature of 104 degrees and the worries that go along with that kind of news, but instead she asked, "Can you talk right now, do you have a minute? The strangest thing just happened to me at the store."

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After completing her shopping the two of them got in line. My wife, as most people do, only half noticed the woman in front of her. The woman had a Red Sox cap on and as she began to turn and saw who it was behind her, she recognized the little girl and the tired mom. "Here dear, you get in front of me," she said. "You go first." My wife recognized her as the woman who gave her the money and she said, "I can't take this ma'am. Here." Before she could get the words out, the woman responded, "No, you keep it. I want you to have it. Oh, look, the next check out is open. I'll go over there. You have a Merry Christmas. God bless you." She moved over a lane, checked her items and was gone.

"I don't know honey. There was just something about her. It made me feel that everything was going to be okay," the voice on the other end of the phone told me. Our girl struggled with fever for the next two days, but the bug finally left us on Sunday.

I stayed home with our girl on Saturday night to give the tired mom a break. She went to a girlfriend's house for a game of shanghai, her favorite card game, and she told her friends the tale she told me. A few of them chimed in with tales of their own. One said, "I got to the counter at Dunkin' Donuts and the man ahead of me told the cashier to put my order on his bill." Each little story related some small gesture of kindness that someone had given in the spirit of the holidays.

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School Report

Before the Break at ORR

By Olivia Mello

Many teachers at the high school jumped into the holiday spirit by conducting festive schedule plans for the last two days before vacation. In Mr. Everett's philosophy class, students partook in a game of charades based upon the elements of society, while a psychological analysis of the Grinch was done in Mrs. McKeon's honors psychology.

Mrs. Ribeiro's ninth grade English classes participated in a more long-term activity for the holidays. Their assignment was to create holiday children books for the kids who attend pre-school at ORR. The books were to be made appropriate for kids, ages 4 to 8. Each class was broken into groups of about two to four members. A holiday theme was to be chosen and a scripted story line was to be written by each group. The books were at least eight pages long, with 30 to 50 sentences in total.

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Some interesting titles included, "A Candy Cane Adventure," "The Elf that Didn't Come Back to the Shelf," and "The North Pole Race." Mrs. Ribeiro's honors English class, naturally, had a more difficult requirement than her A-level classes. They were told to incorporate themes and symbols found inside *The Odyssey*, which is one of the main pieces that their course focuses upon. On the Monday and Tuesday before vacation, the classes met with the pre-school children and read their holiday books out loud to them.

All seniors looking to attend college next year should have their applications sent, either through mail, email or through the common application program, and their school forms filled out and completed with their guidance counselors. A good majority of colleges and universities have an application deadline of January 1, meaning that there will be no time after school break to get those folders out. Students should also make sure they remember to send their official SAT scores from collegeboard.com. Although your guidance counselor does mail each school a copy of your scores, many colleges require

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them to be sent this way as well. For students who are in need of some financial aid, there are scholarship packets that can be picked up in guidance. These packets are filled with potential scholarships for which students can apply.

Got ORR news that you would like to announce? Feel free to get in touch with me so that I can get it published in *The Wanderer*. I am a junior at ORR and have just begun writing the school report this academic year. I am always looking for news relating to Old Rochester Regional High School and would be more than happy to include your personal items. If you are attending or working in the school, you can catch me in Mrs. Mozaz's homeroom each morning, otherwise you can send the information addressed to Olivia Mello at **news@wanderer.com**. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 22, 2008

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 22 at

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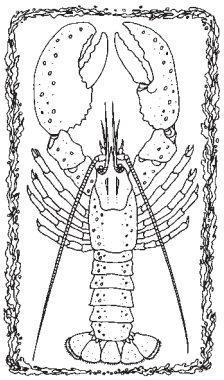

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6:52 pm by Chairman Richard Nunes. Also present were Selectman Dan McGaffey, Selectman Bradford Morse, Town Administrator Richard LaCamera, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first approved the minutes of the December 8 meeting, then met briefly with Town Clerk Naida Parker to approve the borrowing of a $182,500 anticipation loan for the School Feasibility Study at a rate of 2.85 percent. This money will be used to conduct a feasibility design study for the Rochester Memorial School project as approved at the last Annual Town Meeting.

The board unanimously voted to approve the bond note as requested.

"We hope to send out Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the project by the first week of February," Mr. LaCamera said.

While Ms. Parker was present, Chairman Nunes asked if she'd be willing to discuss the long-standing dog licensing issue, to which she replied by handing over a written memo from Police Chief Paul Magee. The memo was dated July 21, 2008 and requested a joint meeting of the Animal Control Officer, Town Clerk, Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Town Attorney and himself.

"He's indicated to me he needs a work session," Ms. Parker said. "It's going to take a couple of hours."

"I'd like to address this," Mr. LaCamera said. "Chief Magee has asked to meet with the board at our next meeting on January 5 to discuss dog licensing issues with or without the Town Clerk. This memo is dated July 21, 2008. We've been asking to meet with her for months now and she hasn't met with us. There are a number of by-laws that need reviewing. We do think the Town Clerk ought to participate in those discussions."

Mr. LaCamera said they need to make some decisions in a timely manner or otherwise risk going through what they did this past year with over 300 unlicensed dogs.

"The frustration with Chief Magee is we've been trying to resolve some of these issues," Mr. LaCamera said. "If the Town Clerk wants to participate in this discussion, that's fine. If not, we're going to proceed without her."

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The board consented to meeting at some time during the day with Ms. Parker and Chief Magee, if necessary, to try and get this issue resolved.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. LaCamera noted that tax bills were mailed on December 17 and they are due January 16, 2009. Those interested in getting the tax benefits within the current calendar year are encouraged to pay by December 31.

As for budget news, Mr. LaCamera said he expects the Governor's final budget to be released on January 29, 2009 and he hopes it won't also impact the current FY 2009 budget. There's already an anticipated 5 to 10 percent cut in local aid planned for FY 2010.

"What happens if state aid is cut 5 or 10 percent?" Chairman Nunes asked.

Mr. LaCamera said a reduction of 5 percent would mean a loss of about $100,000 from Rochester's budget, and a 10 percent cut would be $200,000.

"I think at this point it's a moving target and we'll have to wait until the end of January to decide where cuts need to be made," Mr. LaCamera said.

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Mr. LaCamera also wanted to clarify the issue discussed at the last Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting to possibly regionalize the towns' dispatch system. Apparently after reading media reports of the meeting, some of the local public safety officials were concerned that decisions were being made without their input.

"We're not regionalizing the dispatch center at this point," he said. "We're just looking at the numbers to determine if it's feasible. We may also include other communities around us — not just Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. But it's just an idea at this stage."

"We're not making any decisions at this point," Selectman Morse agreed. "We're just looking at options."

Under correspondence, the board received a payment from SEMASS in the amount of $276,612 in lieu of taxes for November 2009, representing some 91,460 tons of refuse collected during that period.

The board also signed and approved the following Class II Used Car Dealer's Licenses: C&C Auto; Eben Bumpus; The Custom Shop; Vaughan Hill Motors; and the following Class III Motor Vehicle Junk Licenses: Murphy's Auto Salvage and High Street Auto and Truck.

The board also signed and renewed their agreement with the Town of Lakeville to use their animal shelter to board any animals picked up in Rochester, effective January 1, 2009.

The board noted their next regular Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Rochester Town Hall.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:20 pm.

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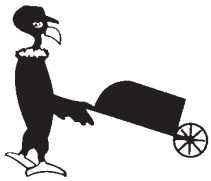

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Sports Shorts

By Robert Chiarito

The winter weather conditions wiped out a good portion of the local high school sports schedule this past week, but there were a few good games earlier in the week as the 2008-2009 Winter Sports schedule moved into full swing.

The **Old Colony Lady Cougars Basketball Team** notched their first win of the season this past week as they downed Tri-County Technical High School on the road, 51-32, on Wednesday, December 17. Old Colony was led by freshman sharpshooter **Nicole Mareiro** who led the Cougars in scoring with 20 points. Old Colony is now 1-1 on the year as they head into the season's third week.

The **Old Colony Boys Basketball Team** placed their second win of the season in the win column as they downed West Bridgewater High School, 56-53, on Wednesday afternoon, December 17 in Rochester. **David Hill** was five of six from the field on his way to a team-high 16 points and **Jared Ellis** chipped in with 14 points and 11 rebounds for Old Colony, who ran their record to 2-0 for the season.

Brennan Goguen lit the lamp three times to score a hat trick for the **Old Rochester/Fairhaven Hockey Team** in their shootout versus Bourne High School on Thursday, December 18 at the Tabor Academy Ice Rink — but the effort was for naught as the young Bulldogs lost 8-6. ORR/Fairhaven is now 0-2 on the year.

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The **Old Rochester Boys Basketball Team** won their season opener as they downed South Coast Conference foe Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, 43-40, at home on Thursday, December 18. **Leland DaSilva** led the Bulldogs' balanced attack with 11 points as **Tristan Miller** chipped in with 10 points including two clutch buckets in the game's closing moments that helped seal the win. **Nick Fillaromo** had nine points for ORR while **John Santos** added 8 points. The Bulldogs are 1-0 on the season both overall and in SCC play.

Mattapoisett Recreation

The **Mattapoisett Recreation Department** will be holding **Basketball** programs for first through sixth graders of the tri-town area. Registration and information forms are available at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, can be downloaded from the website (**www.mattapoisett.net**), and were sent home with your child — be sure to check their backpacks!

Evaluations for Grade 5 and 6 will be held on **Monday, January 5, 2009** at the **Old Hammondtown School gym** at the following times: Grade 5 and 6 Girls – 5:15 to 6:15 pm; Grade 5 Boys – 6:30 to 7:15 pm; Grade 6 Boys – 7:30 to 8:15 pm. Programs for Grades 1 to 4 will start January 10, 2009 (times to be announced). Registration forms with payment are to be mailed to Mattapoisett Recreation, P.O. Box 435, Mattapoisett, MA 02738 by Monday, January 5.

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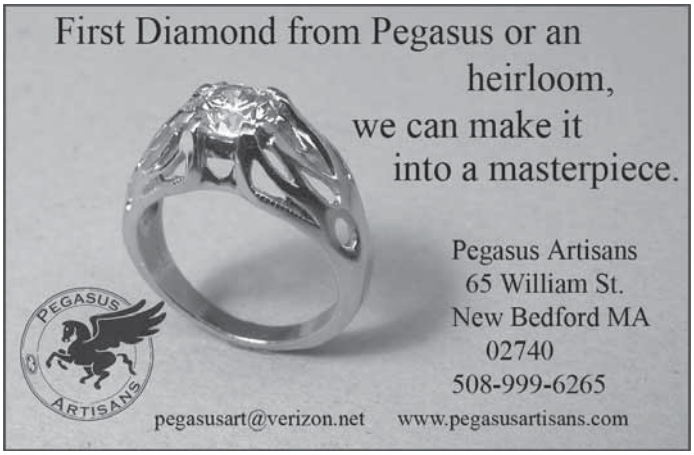

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To the Editor:

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen wishes to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals, businesses, and town departments, who so kindly donated their time, effort, and patronage in making our "Third Annual Village Stroll" and "Holiday In the Park" a huge success.

Again, heartfelt thanks go out to "Chase Canopy" and their fabulous crew for another fine job with all the tents and equipment. We want to thank Danny and Andy Chase of Chase Canopy who once again supplied and donated to the town the tents, chairs, tables, heaters, thermos containers, and extension cords, etc. Without your continued generosity we would not be able to carry on this great yearly tradition. We truly thank you for your business and continued support in allowing us to keep growing.

A sincere thank you to Jen Rusinoski (who we missed not being there) but made sure and saw to it that we had an area designated again for the children to enjoy craft and ornament making under the tent. Also, thank you to Joann Price, her daughter Jeanine, and Colleen Calise for volunteering your time helping the children create such fun ornaments. Great job girls ... You're all on again next year ... so mark your calendar!

A thank you to Julia Monaghan of Monaghan Printing of Fairhaven for her generous donation of printing our village stroll flyers. They were just striking and better than ever and

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The Stroll had their first annual Petting Zoo provided by Monika Schuler of Spring Meadow Farm of Mattapoisett. The children simply loved it, and we thank you Monika for making it possible for all to enjoy. We hope to see Spring Meadow Farm there again next year!

We thank "The Mattapoisett Boy Scouts" and their leaders for selling those great poinsettias and wreaths ... Another big seller! A fine job done by all of you.

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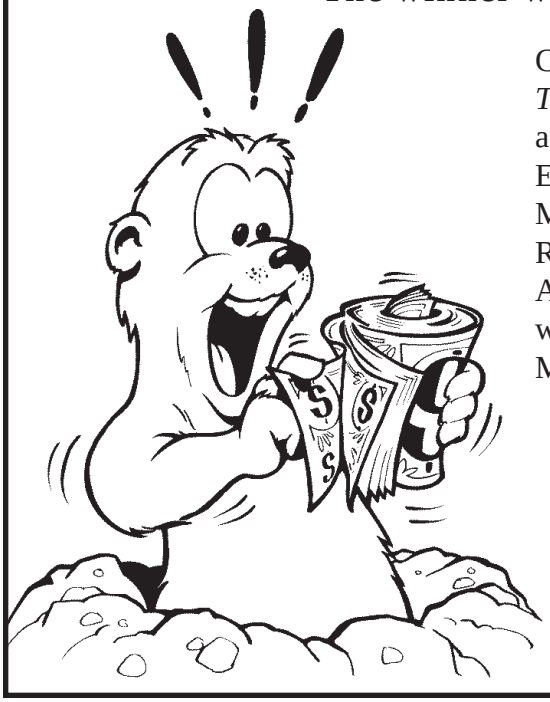

Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.
Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 16.
Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.
All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com

Voting will start on January 18, 2009 and end at 8:00 pm on January 26, 2009. To vote, visit our web page at: **www.wanderer.com .**The winner will be on the cover of our January 29, 2009 issue.

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left to be had ... including Santa!

We want to thank the Mattapoisett Women's Club for the "Holiday Village Decorating" encompassing the 18th and 19th century" to enhance our event. Hats off to you ladies for all the hard work! Thank you to Sandy Herring, Ellen Flynn, Bette Roberts, Marilyn Flood, Pat McCarthy, Linda Clifford, Ellen Schneider and Betty Parker and Eileen Marcum for supplying our establishments with the Village Stroll Event flyers ... They got the message out to the public and it worked! Also, thank you to the rest of the members of the Women's Club as well for all your delicious baked goods. Just yummy!

Thank you to The Mattapoisett Historical Society and Carriage House for opening their doors to the public for all to enjoy an afternoon of Mattapoisett's history. Again thank you, Bette Roberts and her staff.

We want to thank Linda Burke, our Mattapoisett children's librarian for volunteering a few hours of her own time to sit and have Story Time with our children of Mattapoisett on this very special day.

We would also like to thank the "Friends of the Elderly" for participating in selling various fundraising items and dine out books under the tent.

A round of applause to our sound man, Rick LeBlanc, for keeping the music going ... Another great job – You're booked again for next year!

Thank you to Paul Sardinha and Helen Blake of the Old Rochester Regional Drama Club for participation for the first time in this big event.

A Big Thank You to Stan Ellis for doing all the running around seeing to it that we had a music program! Thank you for never letting us down.

And another "Hats Off" Performance provided by "The Showstoppers"!

We want to thank Ken Pacheco of Village Signs for providing us with plenty of signage acknowledging all of our businesses who so kindly donated to this event, and thanks Ken for keeping the event running by announcing all the activities that were taking place.

And speaking of trees, a sincere thank you to Jimmy

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Thank you to Wally Rusinoski for being our electrical man on hand.

A thank you to Diane Perry's Art Class Students at Center School, and the Tri-Town Girl Scouts and their family members for helping with our great tree ornaments, without them our tree would be extremely bare. Great job done by all the children and a big thank you to Sheila, you are always so helpful!

Julie Craig of Seahorse Farms for those great pony rides. The children thoroughly enjoyed them. Also, thank you to the Mattapoisett Land Trust for the use of their land to hold this event.

Mattapoisett Women's Firefighters Auxiliary for their delicious cookies and for their participation in collecting recipes for their cookbook.

Thank you to the Mattapoisett Lions Club for collecting canned goods and unwrapped gifts for families in need. As always, thanks Lance.

Thank you Jocelyn DaLuz, Carol Simmons, and Sandy King of Water Street Realtors for providing the children with gingerbread men cookies and a beverage. The kids really enjoyed it ... you gals are on again next year!

The taping of the "Holiday Village Stroll" was provided by the town's very own camera man, Danny White. Thank you G. Daniel for getting that camera rolling once again and for having your twin daughters, Danielle and Ashley White to return again this year to so kindly donate their time to be "Rudolph the Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman." You both get "*atta girls!*" Also, thank you to the Grinch, Karen McChesney, and Sparky the Fire Dog.

Speaking of taping .... thank you to *The Wanderer*. You did a great job of taping the events. The video of the park was most enjoyable and the pictures were terrific!

And without our food servers there would not be a food tent. Thank you to all: Jocelyn Lombard, Melaine Medeiros, Dave Medeiros, Debbie Silva, Mrs. Rego and Jackie Angelo.

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Great job again, ladies ... we would be lost without you.

All our food was donated by the following town patrons: Shipyard Galley – finger sandwiches, Nick's Pizza – Pizzas, Kinsale Inn – Shepherd's pie and cider on their porch; How On Earth-Mulled Cider; Artisan Kitchen from Rochester-brownies; Mattapoisett Chowder House and Tavern – Chowder; Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop – Hot Coffee; The Nest Diner – chocolates; Turk's Seafood – fresh shrimp; Uncle Jon's Coffee Shop-Hot Cider; Gail Goodies – Brownies and various baked squares; Paninos - wraps and finger sandwiches - and Joyce Lombard and Deb Silva for those home-baked cookies. Caryn Hodges - Homemade Fudge and Chocolate Lollipops and Mattapoisett Clipper - Hot Cocoa. There wasn't a drop of food or drink left!

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to Barry Denham and his Highway crew. Without them, we wouldn't have a tree lighting. They do all the outside work getting it ready for this big celebration, and believe me, it takes days of hard labor getting this together. You guys get the gold star especially with putting up with all the orders from the office on the left!

Without our great Fire Department staff, Chief Scott and Deputy Fire Chief Andy Murray, we would be walking. Thank you for our yearly fire engine ride! All of Santa's friends enjoyed their yearly ride. A thank you to our fire engine drivers — no one lost their costumes!

Thank you to Santa Claus for arriving and visiting with our children of Mattapoisett. Get well wishes to Mrs. Claus, who was too sick to make the trip. The children missed you and send you their best. Santa wants to thank his elf, Perry Angelo and Cindi Bobola for helping Santa pass out all those delicious candy canes.

Well, I finally have made my goal! Thanks to all our supporters, our town residents, our Board of Selectmen and our Town Administrator. Again thank you everyone for making my dream come true ... And hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone. If I have, it certainly wasn't intentional, so please accept this as my thank you to you.

Hope to see you all again next year!

Sincerely,
Melody Pacheco, Assistant to the Town Administrator
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Community Giving Guide

The Wanderer is pleased to announce its first-ever Community Giving Guide, to be published in an upcoming edition. If your nonprofit organization needs an angel this winter, submit your wish list to us. Please include your organization's name, purpose, address, telephone number, contact person, email address and website. Then list the items you need, such as old computers, desk chairs, canned food, volunteer help, financial contributions, and the like. Please limit your list to a few priority donations. Once we've received a few of these wish lists, *The Wanderer* will publish them in a guide to community giving in an upcoming issue. Please e-mail your informa-

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Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its January meeting on January 7, 2009 at the American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street in Mattapoisett. Social time is 5:30 pm, with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month is Dick Langhoff, one of the club members. Dick will speak to the club on the Berlin Air Lift Historical Foundation. He will cover its origin, mission and current activities. This commonly forgotten massive relief effort will surely bring to mind the heroic and humane mission of those who served in the air lift. Dick's presentation should be one of this year's best!

Callers are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Please report your lists no later than 9:00 pm on January 5 by calling 508-758-9311. Last minute changes can be made by members by calling the same number no later than 9:00 pm on January 5.

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Congratulations to junior **Sarah Kassabian** of Old Rochester Regional High School for being selected by the ORR faculty and staff for the month of November.

Motown Show Rescheduled

Due to inclement weather, the Motown Christmas Cabaret featuring Tiny and Ralph Tavares with Voices in Time has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets can be purchased by calling Sharon Jensen at 508-494-5383. Seating is limited and no tickets will be available at the door. For more information about the group, please visit **www.voicesintime.weebly.com**.

Brothers Tiny and Ralph will be joining the members of the Rochester-based Voices in Time on stage for a special holiday performance at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett beginning at 6:00 pm. Also joining them will be the Key Note Singers from the Dartmouth Council on Aging.

Dubbed a "Motown Christmas Cabaret," the show will include a variety of Christmas music performed "Motown style" along with some other non-holiday hits, including one or two Tavares classics.

Marion Tree Disposal

Christmas tree pick-up in the Town of Marion is scheduled for the week of January 12 through January 16, 2009. Christmas trees should be placed curbside by 7:00 am on the day of your regularly scheduled rubbish pick-up. Trees are also accepted at the Transfer Station on Benson Brook Road. Please be sure trees are free of all ornaments and tinsel. If you have any questions, please contact the Marion DPW office at 508-748-3540, extension 101.

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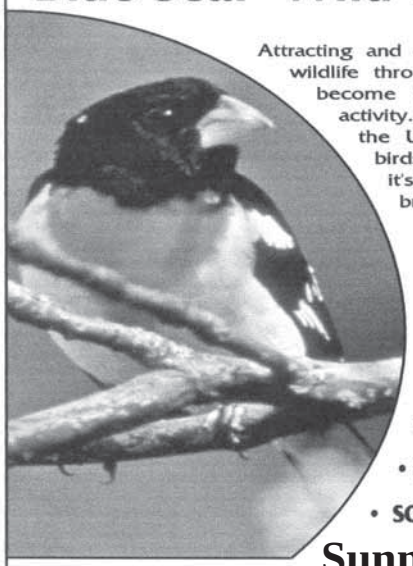

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Ms. Walker recently visited with ORR students and discussed My Sister's Keeper along with how everyone is connected around the world and that a little help brings tremendous results.

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Each swimmer is asked to give a minimum donation of $10 (payable the day of the swim) and the first 75 swimmers will receive a festive long sleeve T-shirt. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will go to Helping Hands and Hooves — a non-profit organization based in Mattapoisett that is dedicated to providing therapeutic riding lessons for adults with disabilities.

Why not have friends and families sponsor you? You can print out a sponsor sheet on their website at **www.helpinghandsandhooves.org**. If you have any questions, please call Debbi Dyson at 508-758-4717.

Rochester Police Exam

The Rochester Police Department in conjunction with Law Enforcement Dimensions has scheduled an Entrance Exam for the Rochester Police Department on January 24, 2009.

The Rochester Police Department employs 10 full-time officers and five part-time officers serving a population of approximately 5,400 residents. The department will be holding an entrance exam to fill both full- and part-time openings expected in the coming months.

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Rochester police officers also have the opportunity to participate on a number of the departments specialized units such as bike patrol and ATV patrol as well as being able to join specialized units such as the dive team, rapid response team, and search and rescue team attached to the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC).

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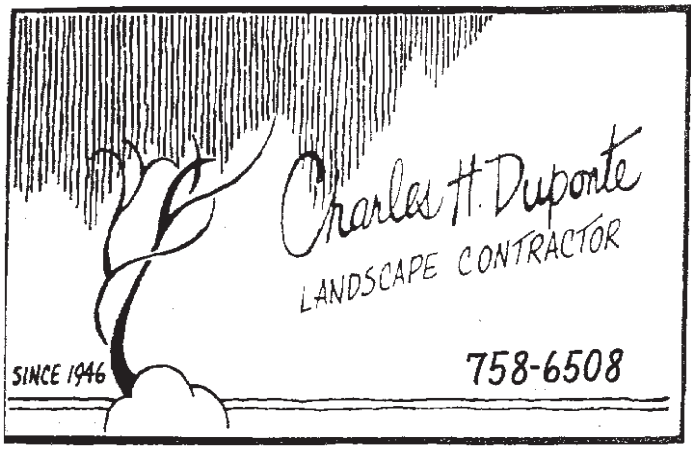

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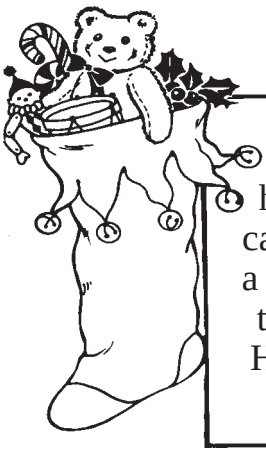

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In an effort to keep Massachusetts roadways safer during this upcoming holiday season, the Rochester Police Department offers these six travel tips:

- Drive sober and well-rested;
- Obey speed limits and allow extra time for unexpected traffic and weather conditions;
- If celebration plans involve alcoholic beverages, designate a sober driver before heading out or plan to use public transportation, take a taxi (program a cab company's phone number into your cell), or sleep over at the event location;
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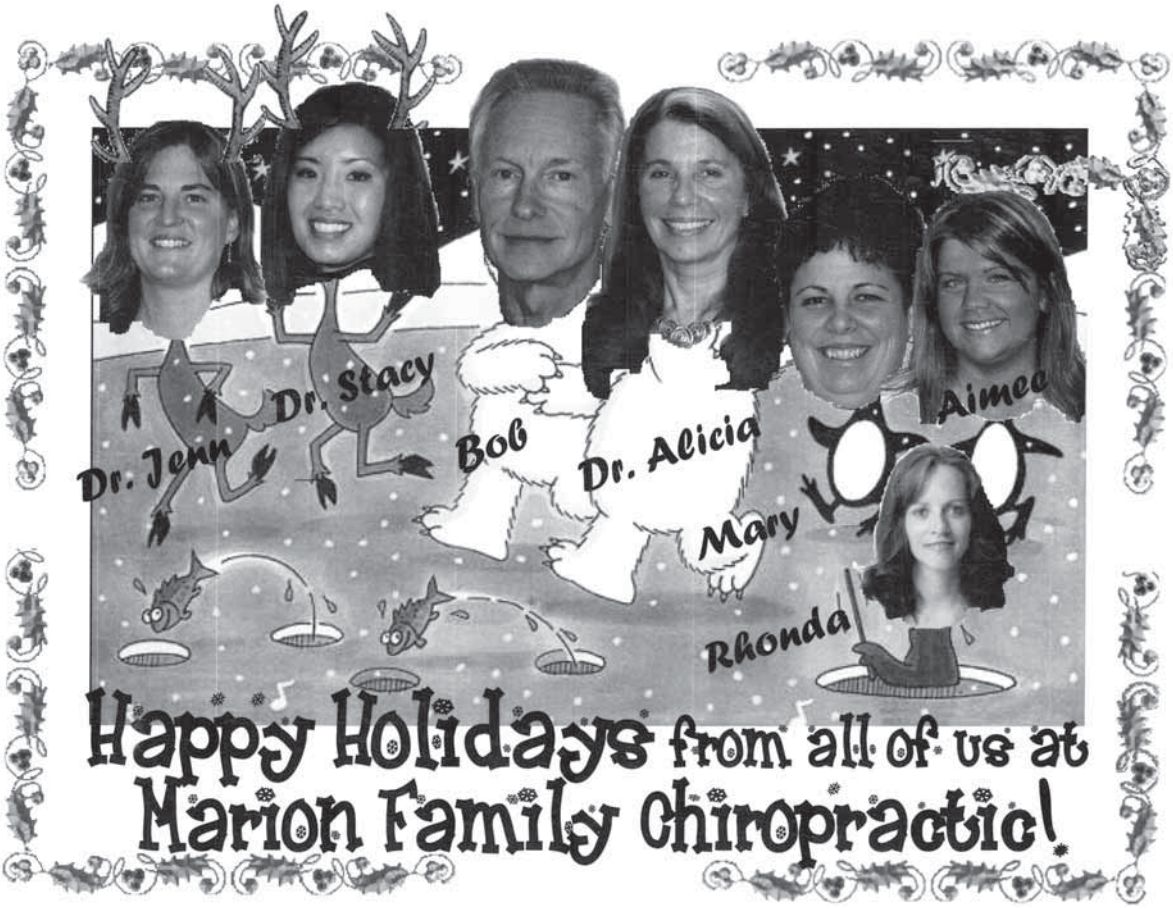

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The Cafe Parlez Book Group will meet on Monday, December 29 at 6:30 pm to talk about *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. This is the simple story about an Andalusian boy named Santiago who travels from Spain to Egypt in search of treasure. Books are available at the library.

The Sit-n-Stitch craft group meets every Monday at 6:30. All are welcome to bring any knitting, crocheting, or other crafts, get a cup of tea, and enjoy the company of other crafters.

For more information about these and other programs, please call 508-763-8600 or e-mail info@plumblibrary.com.

Mattapoisett Tree Committee

The Mattapoisett Tree Committee has been busy selecting and planting trees in town. Nine trees were planted which include the Beach House, Old Hammondtown School, and several scenic streets. They are always seeking new sites and donations for our spring tree planting.

They would like to thank the Bates family for their generous donation of a Princeton American Elm tree at the Beach House and Mr. and Ms. Peter Burlinson's donation of a lovely street tree in town. They appreciate NStar's efforts in donating and planting trees to replace those removed due to disease or proximity to electric lines. Thank you to Tom May of NStar and Paul Sellars, an Arborist with NStar. They appreciate and wish to thank all those who have donated trees or funds to the Tree Committee of Mattapoisett.

Nancy Souza, Deborah Smiley, Sandy Hering along with Roland Cote, the Tree Warden, have spent many hours preparing an application for Tree City USA. Upon recognition, many fine things will happen for the town. Being a Tree City USA offers a certain prestige and prominence for homeowners and businesses. In the spring, Arbor Day will be recognized as a tribute to the town's dedication to our tree canopy. According to Tree

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City USA, which is supported by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program, "Tree City USA program provides direction, assistance and national recognition to our community by supporting the framework for a sustainable urban forest."

Last year, the fifth graders at Old Hammondtown School created and displayed posters for Arbor Day which conveyed the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship. Visit their website at www.trees-for-mattapoisett.org to view these posters and learn more about our committee.

Planting and caring for trees helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water and beautify the entire community and state.

The Tree Committee in Mattapoisett continues to be committed to the beautification of their hometown. Please consider planting a tree next spring or summer either at your home or town property. The Tree Committee appreciates donations to plant and preserve town trees. For further information, please contact Sandy Herring at 508-758-3008 or Elaine Botelho at 508-758-4909.

Loft School Open House

The Loft School of Marion Inc. is now enrolling for September 2009-2010. They are accepting applications for the three-day preschool class which is held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and for the two-day preschool program which is Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center, the location of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging is located at the Center School in Mattapoisett. Enter at the main entrance; parking is located across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school lot. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Please be reminded that with the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, as with all Councils on Aging, any and all are welcome to participate in activities or utilize services. The Mattapoisett Council on Aging works regularly with a vibrant group of individuals who are always willing to welcome a new face. Please call them at 508-758-4110 if you are interested in receiving our bimonthly newsletter or, if you wish to learn more about our services.

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• Wednesday, January 7: 8:00 Water Aerobics; 12:00 Fitness with Karen; 12:45 Lunch with students; 1:30 Bingo;

• Thursday, January 8: 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:30 Bridge; 12:00 Lunch at Christo's;

• Friday, January 9: 8:30 Shaws; 9:00 Weight

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• Support for Caregivers, Friday January 9 at 10:00 am.

• Free Legal Consultation, Monday January 12 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

• Food Art, Tuesday, January 13 at 1:00 pm.

• Shopping Day at South Shore Plaza, Braintree, Thursday, January 15.

• Mary Kay, January 20 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am.

• *Mamma Mia!* Movie, Tuesday January 20 at 12:30 pm.

• Audrey's Restaurant, Thursday, January 22.

• Mystery Lunch, Thursday, January 29.

• Eating Healthy on a Budget, Friday, January 30 at 10:00 am.

• Atlantic City, New Jersey: March 23-25, 2009.

• Providence Bruins Hockey: We are looking for interested parties to join the COA on Sundays, January 4, 11 and 18 for afternoon home games.

Millicent Movie Nights

The Millicent Library in Fairhaven will be hosting a new monthly Monday Movie Night series running from January to June. The theme of this series will be "Comedy Tonight."

"After the War Movies series, I figured it was time for something lighter," said Rob Gonsalves, who organizes Movie Night. "We'll be showing comedies from the 1940s to the 1990s. I tried to select films that people haven't seen a million times before."

The series kicks off on January 5 with Preston Sturges' *Sullivan's Travels* (1941), "a satire about a movie director, played by Joel McCrea, who longs to make a socially relevant drama, but eventually learns that comedies are a more valuable contribution to society."

The February 2 movie is Jacques Tati's *M. Hulot's Holiday* (1953), which "follows the adventures of a lovable French dimwit, Monsieur Hulot (played by Tati himself) as he spends the mandatory August vacation at a beach resort."

March 2 will bring Stanley Donen's *Bedazzled* (1967), "written by and starring Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, retelling the Faust legend in the Swinging London of the 1960s." The film is not rated, but is probably the equivalent of a PG.

The April 6 offering is Michael Ritchie's *Smile* (1975), "a satirical comedy-drama focusing on small-town America and its peculiarities, preoccupations, and hypocrisies. The plot revolves around the contestants and people involved with California's Young American Miss Pageant held in Santa Rosa, California." This film is rated PG.

The May 4 comedy is Albert Brooks' *Lost in America* (1985). "Brooks stars alongside Julie Hagerty as David and Linda Howard, yuppies who are fed up with their lifestyle. They decide to take their savings and head out to see the country in a Winnebago, a recreational vehicle. The plan goes awry when Linda loses everything playing roulette at a casino in Las Vegas." The movie is rated R for language.

Finally, June 1 brings Joel and Ethan Coen's *The Hudsucker Proxy* (1994), "the story of Norville Barnes (Tim Robbins), a naive business graduate who is installed as president of a manufacturing company as part of a stock scam." The movie is rated PG.

All films begin at 7:00 pm and are free to the public. The films are shown in the Millicent Library Auditorium, accessible through the Walnut Street entrance. Check the library's website for changes or cancellations (www.millicentlibrary.org).

New Bedford Baseball

New Bedford Mayor Scott W. Lang recently joined with New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) team owners Robin Wadsworth and Rita Hubner at the End Zone sports pub to officially announce the

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New Bedford Bay Sox team will make the City of New Bedford its new home. Formerly known as the Torrington Twisters, the New Bedford Bay Sox signed a three-season lease with the city for the non-exclusive use of Paul Walsh Field earlier this week. The New Bedford Bay Sox is one of twelve teams affiliated with the NECBL, one of the premiere collegiate baseball leagues in the country. NECBL players are heavily scouted by Major League Baseball teams.

Team owners Robin Wadsworth and Rita Hubner say it was the community's passion for baseball and the reception they received from city officials that made them realize New Bedford was the best place to locate their championship team.

"New Bedford has a sense of pride, community and passion that clearly shines through; their enthusiasm is second to none," Wadsworth said. "It quickly became a virtual no brainer, the minute we engaged with Mayor Lang, Matt Morrissey and other community leaders."

Mayor Lang said, "This team will be a flagship for New Bedford throughout the New England region and will bring increased visitors to our city, which will in turn help drive the tourism and creative sectors of our local economy. In addition, these young collegiate student athletes will serve as role models for the youth of our city, both from an academic standpoint as well as from an athletic standpoint. I know that the people of New Bedford as well as those who live in the communities in this region

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Top Ten of 2008

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Every year the pundits say movies have never been worse. But there are still terrific films out there, even if we sometimes have to wait till they hit DVD to catch them. 2008 isn't quite over yet, and there are still a few year-end movies I haven't caught up with, but as of this writing these are the ten best films I saw this year. Look for them on DVD.

10. *Doomsday*. The most sheer fun I'd had at the movies in ages, Neil Marshall's post-apocalyptic tribute to John Carpenter's *Escape from New York* and George Miller's *Mad Max* series was everything *Grindhouse* should've been, not to mention shorter.

9. *Dear Zachary*. Kurt Kuenne's heartbreaking documentary about his friend's murder—and its unexpected aftermath—pushes a multitude of buttons, but the sadness and insanity of this tale are all the more bitter and credible for being true; you'd never believe it in a fiction film.

8. *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*. It won't make many other critics' lists, but I'm an Indy fan from way back, and this light-hearted, nostalgic romp was perfectly in sync with Indy's previous adventures. Sorry, but I dug the fridge gag.

7. *Blindness*. A bleak downer, sure, but so was the Jose Saramago book it was based on. It's a much-underrated parable about loss of moral as well as physical vision, and, like Dear Zachary, it ultimately emphasizes goodness in the face of overwhelming evil.

6. *War, Inc*. A lot of critics, including my friend and editor here Ken Souza, didn't care for this admittedly messy satire on the monetizing of war. I found it a cleansing rebel yell much influenced by Naomi Klein's *The Shock Doctrine*, as well as a nifty unofficial sequel to cowriter-star John Cusack's *Grosse Pointe Blank*.

5. *The Wrestler*. As I type this, Mickey Rourke is considered a lock for a Best Actor Oscar nomination, which not too long ago would've been inconceivable. But Rourke mounts a comeback every bit as heroic and poignant as that of his washed-up wrestler character Randy "The Ram" Robinson.

4. *Wendy and Lucy*. A small, quiet drama about a small, quiet woman (Michelle Williams, deserving an Oscar nomination she probably won't get) faced with losing what little she has left, including her beloved dog. It's not *Marley and Me*, but it is an uncompromising look at what happens to people who fall between the cracks. Sadly, there's a lot of that going around these days.

3. *Let the Right One In*. The best horror film in years comes from Sweden, of all places. A bullied young boy meets what he takes to be an ordinary girl living next door. Fear, loathing, and a strange sort of love ensue. After a lot of foppish or sparkly bloodsuckers, vampirism is returned to the animalistic curse it should be, without sacrificing the movie's sad, expressive poetry.

2. *Funny Games*. The soon-to-die Warner Independent Films didn't have enough faith in this movie to give it the wide release that would've truly challenged American audiences. Here's hoping this wicked subversion of everything we've been conditioned to want from thrillers (and movies in general) finds a following on DVD.

1. *WALL•E*. I knew within the first few minutes that this beautiful Pixar fantasy would occupy my top slot and that it would take a true powerhouse to dislodge it. No competition. *WALL•E* takes his place as the most soulful movie character of the year, and he's at the center of a transcendent love story as well as a sci-fi epic with a useful message.

Honorable mentions: The slightly overrated but still forceful *The Dark Knight*; the Coens' goofy farce *Burn After Reading*; the visionary action-fantasy *Hellboy II: The Golden Army*; the HBO Original films *Recount* and *Bernard and Doris*; Kimberly Peirce's heartfelt *Stop-Loss*; the gruesome *Inside* and *The Ruins*; the misunderstood *Hancock*; the deftly acted *Milk*; and the guilty pleasure to end all guilty pleasures, Sly Stallone's viscera-spattered *Rambo*, which gave its audience exactly what it promised, always a rarity at the movies.

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Valkyrie (PG13) – 12:50, 3:40, 7:05, 9:35
The Spirit (PG13) – 1:15, 3:50, 7:00, 9:25
Doubt (PG13) – 1:00, 3:30, 7:10, 9:35
Yes Man (PG13) – 12:40, 3:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:10, 9:40
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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG13) – 12:35, 4:05, 7:30
The Spirit (PG13) – 1:05, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
Bedtime Stories (PG) – 1:00, 3:55, 6:45, 9:15
Seven Pounds (PG13) – 12:40, 3:50, 6:55, 9:35
Yes Man (PG13) – 12:55, 4:00, 7:05, 9:20
The Tale of Despereaux (G) – 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:10
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The NECBL begins its summer season in early June and plays an eight-week, 42-game-per-team schedule, making 21 of the New Bedford Bay Sox's regular season games home games. The New Bedford Bay Sox opening day is scheduled for June 4 at 6:30 pm against the Holyoke Blue Sox at Paul Walsh Field in New Bedford.

Flu Cases in Bay State

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced this week that some flu activity has begun to be seen across the state, indicating that flu season has begun. The announcement coincides with National Influenza Vaccination Week, which begins on December 8, and underscores the importance of getting

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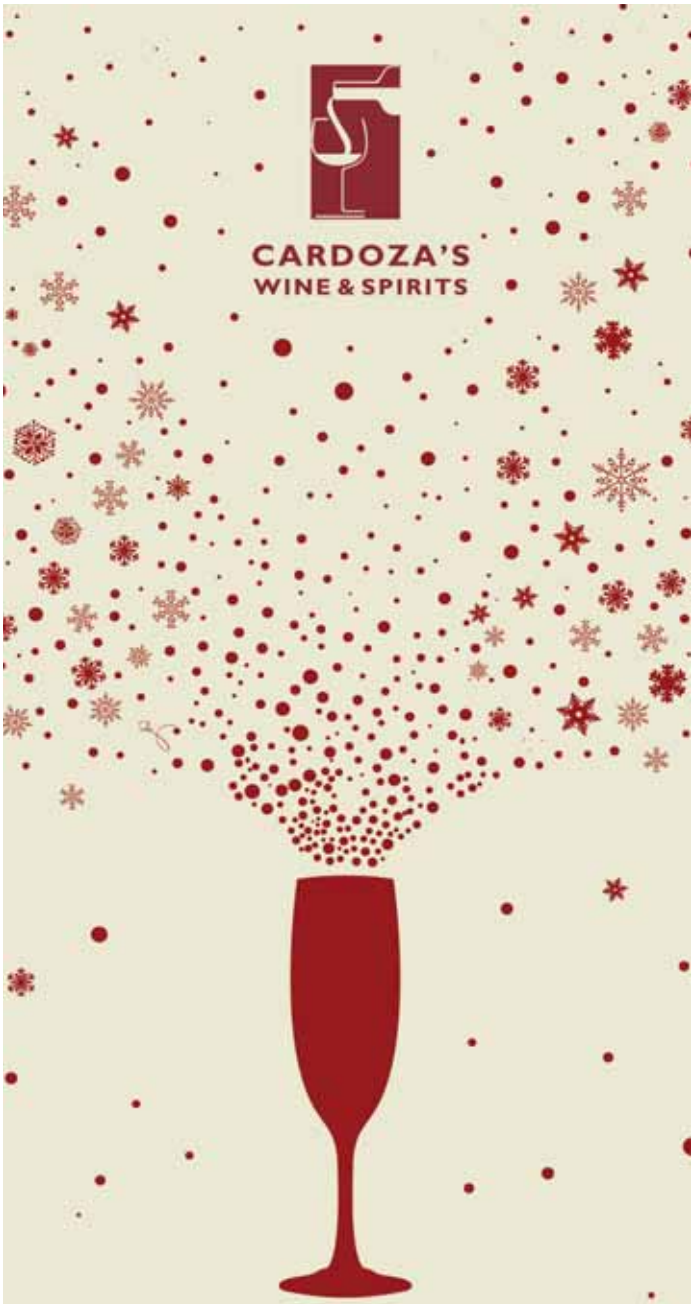

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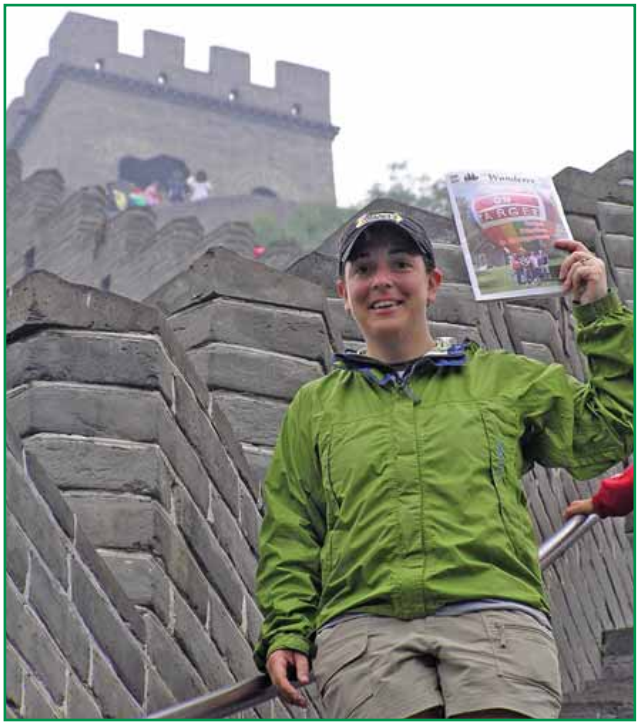
"I'm A Wanderer"

ABOVE: Students in ORR Junior High School's Enrichment Program collected fleece for their Himalayan Project and posed with a copy of The Wanderer. *From left, Sally Hundsdorfer, Melissa Bassett, Jon Pope, Abby Hiller and George Andersen.*

ABOVE: Residents at Pine Wood Way in Mattapoisett built a nine-foot-tall snowman on Friday, December 19 under the guidance of Scott Adams. Pictured here are (kneeling in front) Molly Lanagan (with her dog Annie) and Martha MacGregor; Gerald Lanagan Jr. is holding a recent issue of The Wanderer, *Chloe Lanagan and Maggie Adams are standing in the middle row and back, from left are Jerimiah Adams, Kay-Kay Downey, Sarah Adams, Christal Lanagan, Teresa Adams, Mariah MacGregor, Abbey Adams, and Gerald Lanagan Sr. (Photo courtesy of Gerald Lanagan).*



ABOVE: Amy Rose Herrmann, formerly of Mattapoisett and now residing in Manchester Center, VT, is pictured here holding The Wanderer *while visiting the Great Wall of China recently.*

ABOVE: Jim and Margo Porter pose with a copy of The Wanderer *at Stonehenge during a recent trip to England and Wales in October 2008.*

Be sure to check out our "I'm A Wanderer" online photo gallery on our website (www.wanderer.com), which includes these and all previously published photographs. Please e-mail digital photos (JPEG or TIFF format, at least 150 dpi) to: news@wanderer.com, or mail sharp, well-lit color prints to: *The Wanderer*, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

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vaccinated against the flu to keep healthy throughout the fall and winter months.

DPH has received a total of 60 reports of positive influenza laboratory tests from across the state so far this flu season. Last year at this time, there were 100 reports of influenza. Seasonal flu is beginning to be seen across the United States as well — a total of 23 states had reported some level of influenza activity as of the week ending November 29.

State health officials estimate that every year an average of 2,600 Massachusetts residents are hospitalized due to complications from the flu, resulting in up to 800 deaths. It is not too late to get a flu shot even in December or January because flu season doesn't usually peak until February or March.

"Many of these hospitalizations and deaths are preventable, and prevention begins with getting the flu vaccine," said DPH Commissioner John Auerbach.

"The good news is that there is more influenza vaccine available this year than ever before in Massachusetts, and there is still time to get vaccinated," added Auerbach. "In Massachusetts, over 2.6 million doses of influenza vaccine have been distributed, including 808,000 doses of state-supplied vaccine."

Influenza vaccine is recommended for everyone who wants to avoid getting the flu, or from spreading the flu to others. The vaccine is especially important for those who are at higher risk for complications from the flu,

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Births

Amanda McCarthy and Damien Smith announce the arrival of a daughter **Ayanna Roxanne Smith** on November 2, 2008. Ayanna, her brother, 2 sisters and parents live in Interlachen, Florida. Her very proud grandparents are Roxanne and Tim Raymond of Wareham, MA

Deaths

Edward S. McGadden, 58, of Taunton died December 16, 2008 at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital after a brief illness.

Born and raised in Lowell, the son of the late Edward C. and Rose A. (Vaillancourt) McGadden, he lived in Wareham and Taunton most of his life.

He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Wareham. Mr. McGadden enjoyed music and walking.

Survivors include a son, Edward S. McGadden, Jr. and his wife Molly of Chatham, MA; 2 daughters, Jaime Restic of Mendon, MA and Tracy McGadden of Waltham, MA; a sister, Diane Knight and her husband Peter of Mattapoisett; his aunt, Theresa "Shirley" O'Dea of Marion; 5 grandchildren; a niece and 2 nephews.

Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Road (Route 6) Mattapoisett. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Barbara (Stitt) Aiello, 67, of Fairhaven died peacefully at home on Tuesday December 16, 2008 with her brother and loved ones by her side.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Ralph I. and Ruth A. (Durfee) Stitt, she lived in Mattapoisett most of her life.

Barbara was formerly employed as a sales agent for Dawson Real Estate. She had also been the former proprietor of Video Visions of Mattapoisett.

She loved gardening, traveling, and spending time with her beloved cats and her brother. She enjoyed vacationing in Florida during in the winter months.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Aiello of Fairhaven and Christopher Aiello of Key West, FL; her twin brother, Richard Stitt of Fairhaven; and a sister, Cynthia Waite of Mattapoisett.

Arrangements by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. Remembrances may be made to the Nemasket Group, 56 Bridge St., Fairhaven, MA 02719 or the Humane Society South Coast, 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth, MA 02747. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Norman Jennings, of New Bedford, died December 16 at Sippican Health Care in Marion. He was 92. A lifelong resident of the south end of New Bedford, he was the son of Cecil and Margaret (Miller) Jennings.

He was the loving husband of 65 years of the late Elsie (Leach) Jennings. Beloved father of Pamela Beard and her husband Ronald of Mattapoisett, Norma Jennings of Huntington, PA, and David Jennings and his wife Julie of Marion. Grandfather of Christopher Beard, Rachel Hendry, George Phillips, David Phillips, Sarah Jennings, Matthew Jennings and great grandfather of Emma Hendry. Brother of Shirley Birch of Rockport and the late Hugh Jennings.

Mr. Jennings served in the US Army during WWII, and retired as a Master Sergeant , having served for 26 years. In 1943, he won the cherished Burrows Cup in England in lawn bowling and he continued with the sport at Hazlewood Park in New Bedford. He was a retired firefighter with the City of New Bedford with Station 11. As a young man, he sang in New York theaters under the stage name of Hal King. He was a member of the South Baptist Church, the Low Tide Yacht Club, and he was an avid golfer and gardener.

Arrangements by the Shepherd Funeral Home, Carver, MA. Interment with military honors at the MA National Cemetery, Bourne,

Edith C. McIntyre, 89, of New Bedford and Mattapoisett passed away Monday, December 15, 2008 at St. Luke's Hospital with family members at her side. Edith was born July 11, 1919 in Arlington, MA, the daughter of the late Edward K. and Margaret A. (Meehan) McIntyre.

Edith graduated from New Bedford High School, class of 1936 and was immediately employed as a book keeper for Sullivan-Foster Inc. She remained with the company for 44 years retiring as office manager.

She was a communicant of Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Edith enjoyed summers in Mattapoisett for over 50 years and was an active member of the Crescent Beach Improvement Association. She traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, many European countries, Australia and New Zealand. Edith was a member of the QUOTA club and participated in many of their fund raisers for the hearing impaired.

She is survived by her sister, Helen M. McIntyre of New Bedford; many nieces and nephews and their families. Edith was predeceased by two brothers, Mark H. McIntyre and Edward K. McIntyre and one sister, Mary F. Muldoon.

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9:30 AM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician's Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicles
12:00 PM – The Jeff Perry Report
12:30 PM – Cancer Story
1:00 PM – The Dr. Is In
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
6:00 PM - Rochester COA Monthly
7:00 PM - Sippican Historical Society – The Stone Estate
8:00 PM – Tri-Town Business Association
8:30 PM - Sippican Historical Society – Charles Dana Gibson
12:00 AM – Midnight Movie

Monday Dec. 29, 2008
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Local Interest Programming
5:30 PM – White House Chronicle
6:00 PM – **Tri-Town Topics** (Repeat – Not Live)
6:30 PM – Tri-Town Holiday Greetings
7:00 PM – Creatively Speaking
8:00 PM – Army News Watch
8:30 PM – Physician's Focus
9:00 PM – The Dr. Is In
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday Dec. 30, 2008
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – *The Wanderer* Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Don Cuddy: Neighbor to Neighbor
5:00 Pm – Rochester COA Monthly
7:00 PM – HomeFront
7:30 PM - Sharing Miracles
8:00 PM – Sippican Historical Society – The Stone Estate
9:30 PM – Wood, Wind and Water
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Wednesday Dec. 31, 2008
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Local Interest Programs
3:30 PM – Tri-Town Holiday Greetings
5:30 PM – Ampersand
6:00 PM – Creatively Speaking
8:00 PM - Physician's Focus
9:00 PM – Ampersand
10:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
10:30 PM - Army News Watch
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Thursday Jan. 1, 2009
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Local Interest Programs
7:00 PM – **Tri-Town Topics** – (Repeat, not live)
7:30 PM - Get Connected With Conn Jackson
8:00 PM – Cooking With Marie
8:30 PM – The Rock Star Stories
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers
11:30 PM – Get Connected With Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers

Friday Jan. 2, 2009
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Local Interest Programs
3:30 PM – Tri-Town Holiday Greetings
6:00 PM - Sippican Historical Society – Charles Dana Gibson
6:30 PM – Tri-Town Holiday Greetings
7:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
8:00 PM – Homefront
9:30 PM – Around BCC
11:00 PM – Ampersand
Midnight – Midnight Movie Double Feature

Saturday Jan. 3, 2009
8:00 AM to Noon – Classic Christmas Cartoon Festival
Noon – Don Cuddy: Neighbor to Neighbor
1:00 PM – U-Mass Dartmouth Basketball
8:00 PM – Cooking With Marie
8:30 PM – The Rock Star Stories
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers
11:30 PM – Get Connected With Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
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Daily Schedule:
9:30 AM - Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting
11:00 AM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
2:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:30 PM - Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule:
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM – Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting
3:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
10:30 PM - Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
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Daily Schedule:
8:30 AM – ORRJHS Holiday Greetings
9:00 AM – ORRJHS Gravy Bowl
9:45 AM – John & Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
10:00 AM – ORRJHS – Yoga with Nancy Juuinall
11:00 AM – Center School Third Grade Famous Americans Report
2:45 PM – John & Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
3:00 PM – RMS All School Meeting
3:30 PM – ORRJHS Holiday Greetings
4:30 PM – ORRHS Night of Jazz
6:00 PM – ORRHS Holiday Concert
7:30 PM – Inside the ORR with guest Kevin Farr
8:30 PM – ORRJHS Holiday Greetings
9:00 PM – ORRJHS Holiday Concert 2008
10:00 PM – Old Hammondtown School Holiday Concert 2008
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10:30 PM - ORRJHS Holiday Greetings

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• Mailed to: **Tri-Town Topics, *The Wanderer*, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739**; or
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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights Dec. 15 - Dec. 22, 2008:

• Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Spring Street – missing person
• Spring Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor)
• Mill Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Front Street – breaking and entering/in progress
• Cottage Street – family disturbance
• Front Street – annoying phone calls
• Point Road – suspicious activity
• Pine Hill Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
• Point Road – animal complaint
• Front Street – suspicious persons
• Mill Street – breaking and entering/past
• Spring Street – suspicious person
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• Mill Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Converse Road – adult arrests: 2 (default warrant)
• Point Road – suspicious activity
• Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Pine Hill Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – breaking and entering/past
• Point Road – animal complaint
• County Road – adult arrest (warrant, failure to appear)
• Wareham Road – adult arrest (protective custody)
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• Front Street – officer wanted.

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec. 15 - Dec. 22, 2008:

• Cannon Street – ambulance request
• Barstow Street – ambulance request
• County Road – missing person
• Brandt Island Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
• Marion Road – missing person
• Maple Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Marion Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
• County Road – officer wanted
• Crystal Spring Road – domestic disturbance
• Marion Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Shore Drive – adult arrest (warrant)
• Bay Street – animal complaint
• Lebaron Way – suspicious motor vehicle
• Acushnet Road – animal complaint
• County Road – disturbance
• Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• North Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Main Street – parking complaint
• Acushnet Road – safety/road hazard
• Randall Lane – safety/road hazard
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – traffic control
• Wolf Island Road – animal complaint
• Prospect Road – fire
• Juniper Street – safety/road hazard
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – trespassing
• Main Street – civil complaint.

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec. 15 - Dec. 22, 2008:

• New Bedford Road – animal complaint
• Marion Road – suspicious activity
• Dexter Lane – officer wanted
• Constitution Way – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Quaker Lane – suspicious activity
• County Road – animal complaint
• Wildlife Reserve – suspicious motor vehicle
• Stuart Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• New Bedford Road – trespassing
• High Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Dexter Lane – property found/lost/recovered
• New Bedford Road – burglar alarm
• Cushman Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Cushman Road – motor vehicle accident
• High Street – motor vehicle accident
• Walnut Plain Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
• Paradise Lane – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Stuart Road – motor vehicle accident
• Kings Highway – motor vehicle accident
• Dexter Lane – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Dexter Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
• Walnut Plain Road – motor vehicle accident
• Walnut Plain Road – domestic disturbance.

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92 "It's Too Late" singer?
98 Letters of credit?
99 Move through mud
101 Part of NB
102 Literary contraction
103 A real Swede guy
104 Nick of "Cannery Row"
107 "The — Man" ('72 song)
109 Most laconic
111 Vietnam's — Van Thieu
112 Painter Paul
113 Baker's appliance
114 Taradiddle
115 Fall behind
117 Coup d'—
119 Gary of "The Buddy Holly Story"
123 City on the Mohawk
126 "I Dream of Jeannie" star?
131 Flynn of films
132 Psychedelic Timothy
133 Poorly
134 Sundance's sweetie
135 Stick
136 Violinist Mischa
137 — majesty
138 Groucho's gaze

DOWN
1 Timber wolf
2 Grad
3 Lie low
4 Hammerstein's partner
5 Seer's gift
6 Arnold or Brutus
7 Influence
8 Clean your ears?
9 Alphabet sequence
10 "Ben- —"
11 Funnyman Philips
12 Be adjacent to
13 Pocket flowers?
14 Director Browning
15 Hosp. area
16 "Captain Ron" star?
17 Serengeti springer
18 Be bombastic
24 81 Across' alma mater
25 Gnat or brat
30 Comic Louis
33 — St. Vincent Millay
35 Rpm indicator
36 South African plant
37 Composer Bartok
39 "The Perfect Fool" comic
40 Chou En- —
41 "Excuse me"
42 Tra- —
43 Famous nurse?
44 Manatee or dugong
48 Sweater letter
50 Cover story?
52 Singer Lopez
53 Common contraction
55 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
56 Synthetic fabric
57 Jack's place
58 Mob
61 Squid's squirt
66 Author Jong
67 Furnishings
69 Moo — gai pan
70 Hersey town
73 "Great — of Fire" ('58 hit)
74 Sharon of Israel
76 Vacuum-tube gas
77 Say neigh
78 — -Cat (winter wheels)
80 In full measure
83 Rhine whine
87 Angus' uh-uh
89 Stocking stuffers?
90 Cousin's mom
93 Canal feature
94 And more of the same
95 Lion's pride
96 Solo peformances
97 Essence
100 Old French coin
103 Potsdam pastry
105 — Aviv
106 Make feasible
108 Graceful ruminant
110 Melodious McEntire
111 Safe-cracker's tool
113 Syrup source
114 Feed a fire
116 Celt
118 Sheep's shaker
120 Location
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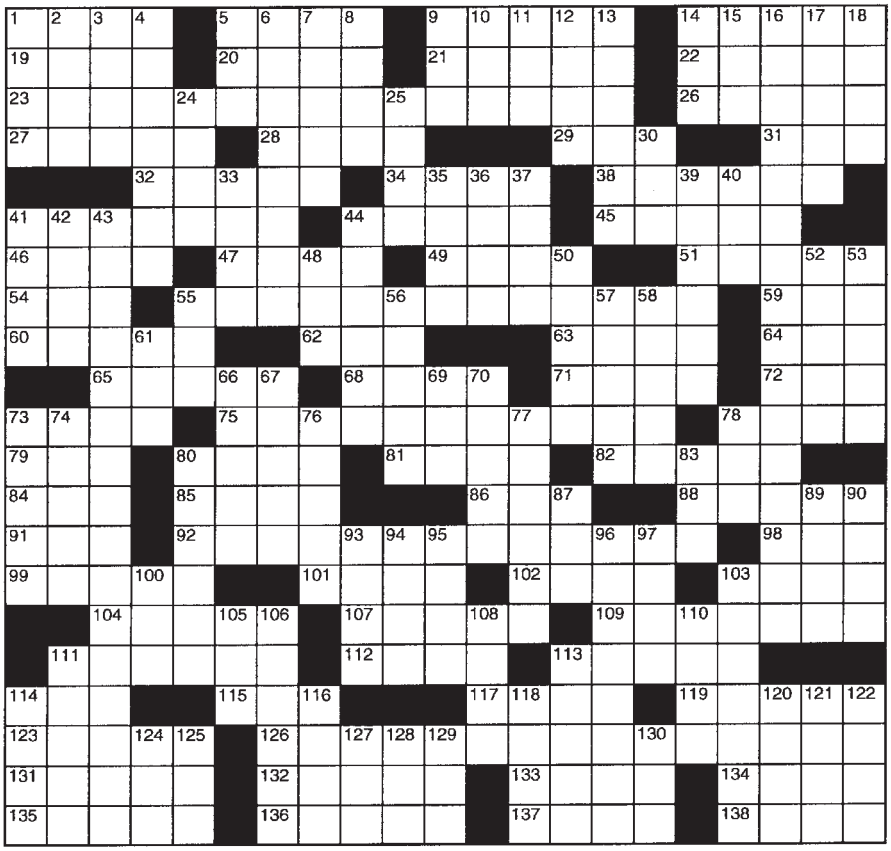

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The arts are a strong part of the Arian aspect, with music becoming more dominant. An important decision looms as a longtime relationship takes an unexpected turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Surrounding yourself with beautiful things helps restore the Taurean soul. Enjoy an art exhibit, for example. Or redecorate your personal space with something truly splendid.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Some colleagues might try to talk you out of what they insist is a risk, but which you consider an opportunity. As usual, follow your own good sense when making your decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A workplace change you might have worried about soon proves to be highly favorable for the clever Crab who is ready to take advantage of new opportunities opening up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. Your Leonine pride is polished to a dazzling new brilliance thanks to your success in winning support for your new project from even the most doubtful of detractors.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unsettling rumor about a colleague's apparently regrettable behavior is soon proved groundless, allowing you to enjoy the upcoming end-of-year festivities in a happy mood.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do your best, which sometimes causes you to be critical of those who don't live up to your standards.

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months, runs from January 7 through February 25, 2009. The half-hour program of stories, fingerplays and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2009 to attend and must be accompanied by enthusiastic adult companions. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Rosemary Grey at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

Winter Story Time for children between the ages of three and five begins January 8 and runs through February 26, 2009. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Rosemary Grey at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

Winter Lap-sit Story Time for ages 0-23 months begins on Monday mornings at 10:30 am starting January 5. Pre-registration is required. If you are interested, please call or stop by the library or e-mail Rosemary Grey at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

It is never too soon to share the wonderful world of literature with children.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/marion.

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Site Plan Review
The Rochester Planning Board will hold a Site Plan Review Hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 in the Town Hall Conference Room at 7:45 PM pertaining to an application from Covanta of SEMASS, LP, 141 Cranberry Highway for proposed new construction and associated site improvements for a Renewable Diesel Pilot Facility and an Administrative Building. The property is located off Route 28, further identified on Assessors' Map 17, Lot 1.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex (37 Marion Road) and may be reviewed during the hours of 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Arnold Johnson, Chairman 12/18, 12/25

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Determination of Applicability submitted by The Massachusetts Highway Department, 1000 County Street, Taunton, MA 02780. The proposed project is to resurface Interstate Route 195 from the Fairhaven town line to the Marion town line. The project is located at both the eastbound and westbound roadways.

Conservation Commission 12/25

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D 1367 submitted by ROGER and HANNE REISER to repoint stone/concrete piers at 43 Piney Point Road, Piney Point. The site is further identified as Lot 34 on Marion Assessors' Plan 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/25

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 7:20 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by CONSTANCE C. SHEPARD to construct two additions and a deck/patio area within the 100' buffer zone to a coastal bank at 99 Allens Point Road. The site is further identified as Lot 42D on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/25

TRIVIA TEST
By Fifi Rodriguez

1. MATH: What mathematical term describes the boundary of a closed plane figure?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did Mother Teresa win the Nobel peace prize?
3. HISTORY: What was the native city of explorer Marco Polo?
4. GAMES: How long is a standard bowling lane?
5. ENTERTAINMENT: Which singer was the first to record a "Greatest Hits" album?

Answers
1. Perimeter
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3. Venice, Italy
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5. Johnny Mathis

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The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly are now selling their Dinner for Two Coupon Books. They sell for $29.95 and make wonderful Christmas gifts.

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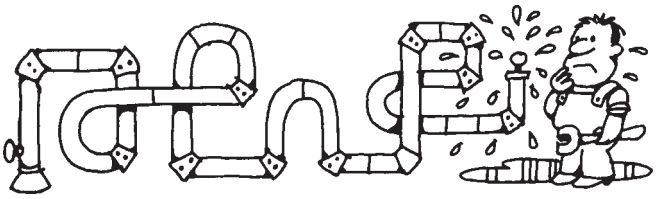

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Kate Hughes	December 27
Laurie Chiarito	December 27
Ethan Somers	December 28
Nicole Cameron	December 30
Herb Webb	December 31
Sheryl Aguiar	December 31
Alissa Holt	January 1
Kai'Ana M. Perez	January 1
Carissa Bailey	January 3
Juliana Nicolosi	January 3
Bradley Brackins	January 4
Stephen Hathaway	January 4
Marian Vance	January 5
Noah Hathaway	January 6

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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New Year's Party – Join the Rochester COA to welcome in the New Year on Wednesday, December 31 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the Rochester Senior Center. Hot hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic bubbly will be on hand, as well as entertainment, and noisemakers to ring in 2009 in a grand way! Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge!

December Trips

• Sunday, December 28 – The North Pole Express Steam Train Ride in Essex, CT: Musical Performance Onboard; Cost $25; 1:00-9:00; Lunch before the train ride.

• Monday, December 29 – Shopping at Super Walmart in Raynham; Lunch nearby; 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

• Wednesday, December 31 – Market Basket grocery shopping, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

• **Square Dancing Class**: Join us on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for a Square Dancing class. It's a fitness program that will fit your budget. Donation of $4 per class, paid directly to the instructor. All levels of expertise are welcome. The instructor is Paul Letourneau. Many may remember Paul from his years of teaching at the Rochester Grange. Come to just watch or dance. All ages and anyone is welcome!

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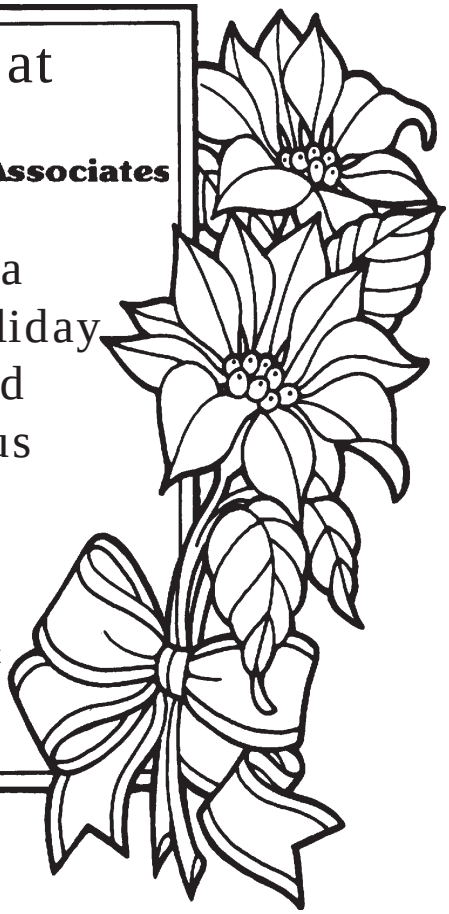

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• **Bingo**: Feeling Lucky? Why not try your luck at the Rochester COA's weekly Bingo game at the Senior Center? The crowd is building. It is held on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 pm with refreshment break. They play by the Senior Citizen Recreational Bingo Massachusetts laws. Cost is 50 cents per card with no card limit and 25 cents a game. All money collected will be given in prizes that afternoon. Anyone is welcome to come!

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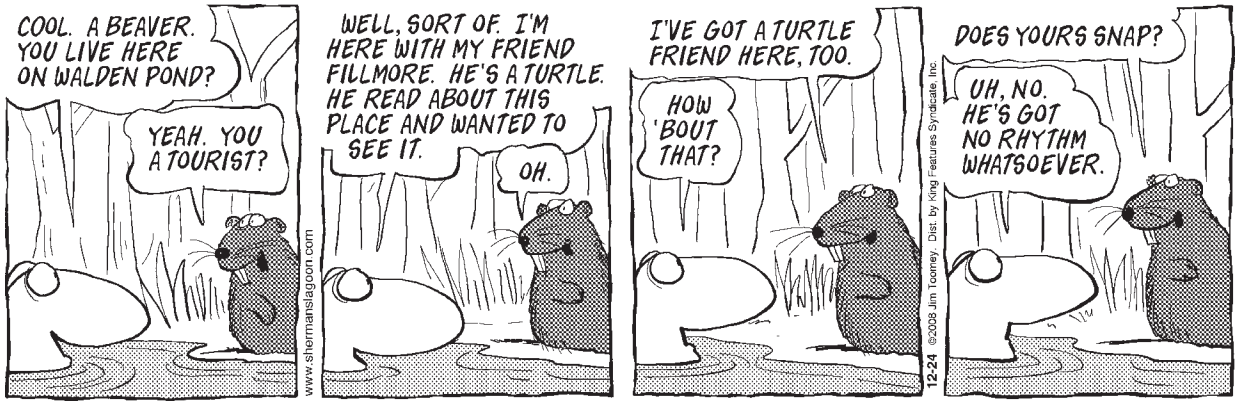

Real Estate Transactions

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Enos, Erik M Enos, Nicole	Res Funding Corp LLC US Bk	116 Sarah Sherman Rd	Rochester	12/05/2008	229000
Gauvin, Robert J Gauvin, Kara J	Lanagan, James B x	5 Seabreeze Ln	Mattapoisett	12/11/2008	550000
Lempert, David Rickard, Nicole	Cranberry Way RT Dibona, Donna	48 Cranberry Way	Marion	12/11/2008	331000

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Practical Nurse Exams

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Practical Nurse Program will administer the required Entrance Exam on the following dates:

• Saturday, January 10, 2009 (registration deadline is January 6);
• Saturday, February 7, 2009 (registration deadline is January 30);
• Saturday, March 7, 2009 (registration deadline is February 27).

The Entrance Examination will be administered at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School located at 220 Sandwich Road in Bourne. Pre-registration is required. Walk-in registration on the day of testing will *not* be accepted. Seating is limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. The examination fee of $85 is payable by cash or money order only. Registration forms may be obtained by visiting the school's web site at www.uppercapetech.com. For additional information or to receive a registration form via mail, please contact 508-759-7711, extension 277.

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December 26:	Fri.	7:02	7:16	12:04	12:51
December 27:	Sat.	7:39	7:54	12:27	1:30
December 28:	Sun.	8:15	8:32	1:11	2:09
December 29:	Mon.	8:50	9:10	1:53	2:46
December 30:	Tues.	9:27	9:50	2:34	3:20
December 31:	Wed.	10:06	10:31	3:13	3:53
January 1:	Thurs.	10:47	11:12	3:52	4:24
January 2:	Fri.	11:32	11:57	4:34	5:01
January 3:	Sat.		12:20	5:23	5:45
January 4:	Sun.	12:47	1:13	6:26	6:40
January 5:	Mon.	1:41	2:12	7:47	7:43
January 6:	Tues.	2:42	3:15	9:11	8:48
January 7:	Wed.	3:47	4:21	10:18	9:49
January 8:	Thurs.	4:53	5:23	11:17	10:47
January 9:	Fri.	5:54	6:21	11:59	11:44
January 10:	Sat.	6:48	7:13	. . .	1:07
January 11:	Sun.	7:40	8:05	12:42	1:57

Phases of the Moon		
	New Moon	December 27th
	First Quarter	January 4th
	Full Moon	January 11th
	Last Quarter	January 18th

off the mark by Mark Parisi

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

Each time you find the Aardvark you will also be entered in our monthly drawing for other cool Aardvark Prizes.

If you would like to enter the monthly drawing by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Entries by mail will not be eligible for Aardvark Points.

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *"I Found the Aardvark"*

In the December 18 issue the Aardvark was on page 1!

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